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FOR: HETERO TYPE PENTAMETER :

RECOMBINANT VACCINE

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated September 29, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-6, 14-17, 18 and 19-20 drawn to a heteropentamer product.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group II, Claims 7-13, 14-17 and 19-20, drawn to a homopentamer product, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.